

Along the western edge of the site is a small area of Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest that leads down along Floyd's Creek. The canopy here is dominated by tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), white oak, and Virginia pine. The understory and shrub layer contains tag alder (*Alnus serrulata*), yellowroot (*Xanthorhiza simplicissima*), pinxter-flower (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*), and cane (*Arundinaria gigantea*). Woody vines such as greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*) and poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) are abundant. The invasive Japanese bamboo grass (*Microsteigium vimineum*) is present and locally abundant.

MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION: This site has no formal protection. It has been an area of interest for both conservation and development. This site been threatened by the construction of an onsite quarry which would destroy the flatrock. Local area citizens have protested a quarry being built on the site and the final outcome is yet unknown.

NATURAL COMMUNITIES: Granitic Flatrock, Dry-mesic Oak-Hickory Forest, and Piedmont/Low Mountain Alluvial Forest.

RARE PLANTS: dwarf-flowered heartleaf (*Hexastylis naniflora*), Piedmont quillwort (*Isoetes piedmontana*), and single-flowered sandwort (*Minuartia uniflora*). Watch List – elf orpine (*Diamorpha smallii*).

RARE ANIMALS: None known.

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